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“Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia”

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Learning objectives

By the end of this presentation, attendees should be able to:

1. List the behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) and describe the natural history of these symptoms in the course of dementia.
2. Develop a plan to assess the medical and psychosocial contributions to BPSD.
3. List specific behavioral and educational strategies targeted at patients with BPSD and their caregivers.
4. List the psychopharmacological options in the treatment of BPSD (including antipsychotics, antidepressants and other categories), as well as likely side effects.
5. Develop an approach to the management of each of their patients with BPSD that includes psychosocial interventions as primary and psychotropic medications as secondary.
6. Appreciate the need to use a multifaceted and longitudinal approach in the care of patients with dementia and their caregivers and families.